

K.A.T.S. KATS KOMPUTER KNEWS K.A.T.S. KANSAS AREA TIMEX SINCLAIR USERS GROUP

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One of the past meetings that we have held at the Sedgwick Co. Courthouse has shown me that our problem is not one that is taken lightly. Participation on any level and as we all know S.N.U.G. is a reality. As we members of various member clubs join in let us keep in mind our main responsibility: **PARTICIPATION!**

As noted in a column of BoSTUG they also are having difficulty, in participation with the exception of QL users. Does this sound like us in our very own club?

Their is the familiar signs; a contest for a design of a cover, and a masthead for the newsletter. And as the Editor notes "Response was distinguished by the LACK OF A SINGLE ENTRY."

Also the noted was the greatly used item of the " SURVEY FORM " to gather responsive members and getting info on " THEIR NEEDS ". This drew 16 replies; six out of state. The editors statement was "The diversity of responses was to great to draw and conclusions."

If any real conclusions can be drawn it is that membership is on a decline or as stated their is to much varied interest, ie Z 88 QL, T/S 2068, T/S 1500, T/S 1000 ZX-81, ZX-80 support is necessary but to extend one's scope is fut ile on " Person-Club " can handle just so much; or support so much at one time!!

But support is a two-way street one is interdependent of the other support needs both sides wanting to help and being able to help.

Also congradulations to Joyce Blaho on her new job as Liason-Newsletter Coordinator of BoSTUG

She left a few hints on their; newsletter to us about the agreement to exchange newsletters. No we haven't forgotten about you!! Publishing the newsletter is as; you know not a well paying job!!

PAUL D. REYNOLDS PRESIDENT KAT/S SUPPORT S.N.U.G. AND YOUR LOCAL.

One of the objectives of SNUG, is the PDL (PUBLIC DOMAIN LIBRARY) in the past we have voted to get into the exchange of newsletters the next step is the exchange of PDL's. And in the newsletters we have received many have the item or items we would like to have.

Several users groups have PDL's that are not what we desire. We, as a users group have a small if meager PDL. Most of our pgm's of course were developed by members of our club. At tops we have 10-15 programs.

One of the Prime Club's PDL's that we are interested in is from TIMELINEZ from the bay area. But the problem is the method mostly used here is either cassette or RERCO with the LARKEN Cartridge. Which is not exactly compatable, with them. They have a long list of methods and are gaining more, all of the time.

Speaking of READER SURVEY's in TDM at least my last one SEPT/OCT '88. You can see the varied type of interests listed, Hardware is keeping up with software 10 items each.

One item that I have just come across in my mind is has TDM had a cross reference to articles in an end of year issue to find the beginning and end of articles?

If he hasn't thought about it, would it be possible to include, such a page to help out. Well MR Tim Woods please correct me if I am wrong?

As a lot of folks know LEMKE Software Development is located, in Uichita, Kansas 2144 White Oak 67207. And on several previous, occasions we have talked about, his programs listed in TDM and he and Tim Woods see no problems in using his programs in the PDL if we use in a REM line the issue, Month and Year and of course VOL and NO listing where it was type in plus telling about documents, and or the page they are listed on to help any person receiving the program from any PDL later. And as I said in my first column SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL USERS GROUP PAUL D. REYNOLDS PRES KAT/S U.G.

Well Mr. Tim Woods in the past months the few members of the UG have wondered about our subscription to your fine magazine. One in particular has yet to receive any issues at all. I know that their are problems plus, that's lifes, most greatest teacher. Can you, please inform us as a group as of when and or if the Issue of NOV/DEC '88 VOL.4 NO.7 will be sent to several persons in the KAT/S, Users group. I received mine last issue Vol.4 NO. 6 after much ado about nothing. I know that I'am making some thing out of nothing If have affended you in any way please inform us of our offense, and we will appolize to you? But if this is one of lifes letdowns we will take it in stride. One of the persons that called you was, me that talked about the possible inclusion of a vendor failure to comply listing in your magazine, can you please try to inform our fellow enthusiasts of the exodus of a vendor. Please incorporate, this into the contents listing.

On one of the previous issues, MASS STORAGE was discussed. But as most persons know "A&J" Micro drive was not listed. Does this, mean it is out of the picture as I know it? You can list everyone of the great names in the journal RERCO, LARKEN, ZEBRA/TIMEX FDD ROTRONICS UAFADRIIVE. But where?? is the lowly A&J MICRODRIVE????? If it is an orphan please inform me to were to bury it? Possibly I just haven't been paying close enough attention to the trend. I should buy myself a MAC-Plus with 1-MEGABYTE RAM and a 20MEG HARD-DISK, with a program that my son can run in his Graphic Arts class and a Laser printer, but loyal I am and I like the programs that, Stan Lemke produces. Plus unique properties this T/S 2068 has and I just can't seem to drop it.

Perhaps the end of this column is in sight and perhaps so is the end of the A&J MICRODRIVE method but if I don't support the means or the methods this group and or computer enthusiast's will vanish off the face of this earth.

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QUICK TIPS

BY: STAN LEMKE
PIXEL PRINT PRESS FALL

Here are a couple of quick tips to help add variety to your DTP column apperance.

How to "darken your print". It's pretty easy to switch to a "BOLD" font when you want to add emphasis to your text, but what can you do for graphics that are a little too light when you print your column?

Well, actually this little "Tip" can be used to highlight as much or as little of ANY column as is desired. Here is what you do:

- 1) Save your column...
- 2) Bank-Switch to the alternate column...(select "X")
- 3) Load in your column.

Now your column exists in both the standard and dock RAM.

- 4) In either column, locate as much (or as little) of the column As you wish to darken and with the "SHIFT" left or right key, move each segment left of right 1 pixel.
- 5) Select "SAVE", then "BREAK" the program. LOAD the BANK-SWITCHING "MERGE" code from the SPRING Pixel Print Press and RANDOMIZE USR 23296: RUN
- 6) Scroll thru your column and admire the effects!

Thanks to Stan Lemke for allowing us to reprint his article.

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An excerpt from Stan Lemke

The Timex/Sinclair Public Domain Library is now a reality. Thanks to the responses recieved since the T/S Fest in Seattle, the Library has been started.

The purpose of the Library is to collect, catalog and distribute public domain software. We maybe twisting the meaning of "PUBLIC DOMAIN", but we are using it here to refer to programs that people have written and submitted to a User Group newsletters, books, or magazines or directly to the us, the Library. The Following except-ions apply:

1) If the author offered to send the reader a copy of the program (s) for a fee.

2) If the author stated in the his article or program listing the program was copyrighted or not public domain.

3) If the book or magazine is still being published and written permission has not been granted by the author and/or publisher.

Under these conditions the Library is unable to accept the program. At this time the Library is accepting programs under these exceptions. And if more info is, needed see PIXEL PRINT PRESS '88 Winter issue. Or write to:
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